



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1711

Application No.: 10/780,742

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For: MALEIMIDE GROUP-CONTAINING POLYMER PARTICLES AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the September 15, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Boykin in the January 11, 2005 interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,410,611 ("Sakurai"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Patent Office points to tables 2 and 4, columns 1-4, 16 and claims 1 and 4 of Sakurai as allegedly anticipating the invention as recited in claims 1-16. Applicants strenuously disagree.